

Zyrus from Tanzania (Eastern Africa) with Description of a New Species

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(Coleoptera, Staphylinidae)

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The following species were kindly sent to me by Dr. F r e u d e for identification. Of the twelve species of *Zyrus*, I consider one to be new and have described it. There was one species of the genus *Trichodonia*.

Zyrus (Parophtalmonia) arrowi Bernh.

Bernhauer, 1936, Nov. Zool. 39: 265.

Tanzania, Kigonsera 15/17-2-1960 (P. O. M o r g e r) (4 ex.)

Zyrus (Parophtalmonia) matengoensis Bernh.

Bernhauer, 1947, Ann. naturh. Mus. Wien 55: 161.

Tanzania, Chimala 1400 m. 58 miles East of Mbeya (G. H e i n -
r i c h) (2 ex.)

Zyrus (Parophtalmonia) misellus Last

Last, 1958, Trans. R. ent. Soc. Lond., 110 pt. 12: 349.

Tanzania, Kigonsera 18. 25-2-1960 (P. O. M o r g e r) (2 ex.)

Zyrus (Acanthocnemedonia) kafakumbanus Bernh.

Bernhauer, 1935, Rev. Zool. Bot. Afr. 27: 104.

Tanzania, Kigonsera 18-2-1960 (P. O. M o r g e r) (1 ex.)

Zyrus (Grammodonia) proluxus Boh.

Boheman, 1848, Ins. Caffr. 1, 1: 268.

Tanzania, Mount Meru, Momella 2-1964 (W. F o r s t e r) (9 ex.)

Zyrus (Grammodonia) punctiger Bernh.

Bernhauer, 1927 (1928), Mem. Soc. Ent. Ital. VI: 195.

Nigeria, Umg. Ogoja 5-12-1962 (R. M e y e r) (1 ex.)

Zyrus (Grammodonia) rutshuruensis Cam.

Cameron, 1950, Exp. Parc. Nat. Albert 59: 74.

Tanzania, Mount Meru, Momella 1600-1800 m. 7-2-1964 (1 ex.)
13-2-1964 (1 ex.) (W. F o r s t e r)

Zyrus (Grammodonia) bilineatus Bernh.

Bernhauer, 1930, Wien. Ent. Zeit. 47: 146.

Nigeria, Umg. Ogoja 5-12-1962 (R. M e y e r) (1 ex.)

Zyrus (Androdonia) mirabilis Bernh.

N. Tanzania, Naberera/Masailand, Arusha South 20-3-1960 (2 ex.)

27-3-1960 (1 ex.) (J. P o p p), Mount Meru, Momella 1600-1800 m.

14-1-1964 (W. F o r s t e r) (1 ex.)

Zyras (Androdonia) diluticornis Bernh.

Bernhauer, 1926 (1928), Arch. Naturg. Abt. A 69: 72.

N. Tanzania, Naberera/Masailand, Arusha South, 27-3-1960

(J. Popp) (1 ex.)

Zyras (Acrothoracania) hostilis Cam.

Cameron, 1932, Rev. Zool. Bot. Afr. 22: 39.

Tanzania, Mount Meru, Momella, 1600-1800 m. 10-2-1964

(W. Forster) (1 ex.)

Trichodonia laticollis Wasm.

Wasman, 1916, Ent. Mitteil. 5: 95.

Tanzania, Morogoro 1-1963 (G. Heinrich) (1 ex.)

Zyras (Glossacantha) heinrichi sp. n.

This species rather resembles *Z. (Glossacantha) acceptus* Last but it is larger and has the head, pronotum and elytra much more densely punctured. There is also a degree of similarity to *Z. (Myrmoecia) bipustulatus* Bernh., but the puncturation throughout is much stronger and denser.

Pronotum, base of antennae and a patch near sutural corners and margins of tergites reddish, otherwise black.

Head transverse, (3 ; 5.2) moderately shining, moderately densely punctured, interstices with fine reticulation; eyes not very convex, their longitudinal diameter nearly twice the length of the temples which are rather prominent and extend a little beyond the outer circumference of the eyes; antennae robust, segments four to ten strongly transverse, nearly twice as broad as long, last segment a little longer than the two penultimate together, finely setose.

Pronotum transverse (4.25 ; 3.25) shining, densely punctured and strongly reticulate and with short yellow pubescence, laterally straight but narrowing to posterior margin.

Elytra transverse (4.5 ; 4) broader at posterior margin, very strongly and densely punctured, interstices narrower than diameter of punctures, with short pubescence, suture and posterior margins distinctly bordered.

Abdomen strongly and moderately densely punctured, less so on tergites six to eight, with indistinct microsculpture and short decumbent setae. Legs setose. Length 6 mm.

Type unique ♀ Tanzania, Dar-es-Salaam, 16-9-1961 (G. Heinrich).

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